



GRAYS HARBOR FIRE DISTRICT No. 2

6317 Olympic Highway, Aberdeen, WA 98520

Chief's Monthly Report

For the October 8, 2020 Meeting

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The primary purpose of this report is to keep the Board of Fire Commissioners informed as to the activities and progress on major programs or objectives. The items listed, as near as possible, are in priority order. As a second purpose, this report will be shared with all Fire District personnel to keep them informed.

FINANCIAL:

The Fire District ended the month of September 2020 with Cash and Investments of \$466,534.81 - in the Expense Fund. This is a \$108,840.02 increase over the same time last year. For the month of September, payroll and expenses were on target. Payroll will remain level the next several months as we complete the medical leave for one employee.

The Capital Fund has a current balance of \$697,065.92. The project remains on target for budget. Estimated Cash Flow Report FY2020 is attached to this report.

PERSONNEL:

There were no injuries to report since the last report. There have been no COVID-19 related illnesses within the agency to date. One employee remains on short-term medical leave. We are expecting a return to light duty status starting in late October to early November.

Fire Chiefs position has been posted and advertise through the Chiefs and the Daily Dispatch. Three applications have been received and been prepared for initial review at tonight's meeting.

A meeting with citizens from the Wynoochee Valley was held on October 1, 2020 at Station 2-3 concerning the status of the station and the need for volunteers. It was attended by 16 local area residents and issues related to insurance ratings were discussed. Applications were provided to all those in attendance. The Fire District is providing a two-week window to receive those back.

Application for Firefighter/EMT Entry Level are open until October 16. Testing is scheduled to occur on October 28. The lack of FF/Paramedic applicants has created a need to look at this pool for potential personnel to fill the Fire District's seventh position by sending a successful hire through paramedic program. Position development and requirements will need to be established before hiring, but the lack of eligible paramedics may require a different approach to filling this position.

SAFETY:

Monthly station audits were completed as part of the weekly duty schedule. Non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) are in place at all stations. Closure of stations continues to general public. Modified training plan remains in place.

PREVENTION/EDUCATION:

The Fire District will be providing education materials for Fire Prevention in October through the school's program for meal distribution. Materials have been received and they are being prepared.

LOGISTICS:

There has been one Out-Of-Service (OOS) issue to report since the last report. The following is a recap of apparatus/equipment maintenance:

- **M2-12:** the unit has experienced an on-going issued related to the electrical system from damage to a wiring harness that controls the vehicle fan. The issue has resulted in one tow from the Olympia area subsequent to a repair. The vehicle has experienced over 10-days of OOS time.
- **E2-11:** pump testing performed; failed dry vacuum test due to a leaking suction valve.
- **E2-21:** pump testing performed; failed dry vacuum test due to a leaking discharge and suction valve.
- **E2-31:** pump testing performed; failed dry vacuum test, diagnosing which valve is leaking.
- **E2-41:** pump testing performed; dry vacuum failed due to a leaking tank refill valve.

STATION 2-1 CAPITAL PROJECT: The following is a recap of progress since the last regular BOC meeting:

- **Construction:** The building is nearing the issuance of Temporary Certificate of Occupancy by Grays Harbor County. Construct Inc. is supposed to be completing the final inspection requirements to meet those requirements.
- **Time Delay:** Construct Inc. (CI) is currently approaching 11 weeks beyond the final contract completion of July 24, 2020. The response for a time extension by Construct Inc. is being prepared and will be sent next week. We have not granted any additional time and the information provided does not provide validation for one.
- **Concrete/Front Apron:** Issues related to the drainage of the front apron are being resolved with the installation of trench drain. Work is expected to start on Friday. The discoloration in the surface is being resolved utilizing an acid treatment. A portion of the surface has been tested and will be reviewed tomorrow.
- **Change Orders:** CCD has been approved and is included tonight for the BOC review and approval as it exceeds the approval limitation. There are several minor change orders being coordinated concerning electrical and minor site work.

OPERATIONS:

Operations for the month of September 2020 are slightly elevated. Fire responses for the month were related to wildland incidents, 5 different incidents occurred. One explosion was reported causing injuries to the person lighting the device. Mutual aid was given 4 time – FD5 (2-medical), MFD (2-medical).

EMS incidents for the month of September totaled 72 transported and 12 no transports. Of those transported, 3 were inter-facility transfers (IFT); 31 IFTs were unable to be filled. The monthly EMS report is attached. Below are the incident statics for the last 13-months.

Incident Statistics (Call Volume by Major Incident Type):

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Fire	0	5	2	3	0	0	3	3	0	4	3	2	6
Overpressure, no fire	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rescue & EMS	42	54	41	58	53	55	52	61	47	57	73	92	88
Hazardous Conditions (not fire)	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Service Calls	3	12	4	7	2	5	5	3	16	3	8	3	9
Good Intent Calls	42	37	35	27	22	33	25	13	17	26	41	43	39
False Alarm(s)	2	0	1	0	1	2	2	4	1	2	0	0	1
Severe Weather/ Natural Disasters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Types of Incidents	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	91	109	87	97	79	95	87	84	82	92	126	140	146

TRAINING:

HAZMAT Awareness and Operations Course was completed in September. Personnel from 3 agencies participated and IFSAC testing was conducted on October 3. Weekly training has been seeing lower attendance than expected, the utilization of the Squads is being reviewed. Live Fire Training is scheduled to occur in October at the Olympia Facility.

UPCOMING EVENTS: None.

Respectfully Submitted: Leonard R Johnson, Fire Chief